

But the stone walls of New England are in existence, and the labor of removing them is so great that they are allowed to remain. Besides, there is no place to put them. So they remain with their rod-wild tangle of bushes, weeds and creepers.

and tumblers. Then were dozens of mince pies—heavens, how my mouth watered at the recollection!—baked and ranged on the pantry shelves. Then were the walnut butternuts and hazelnuts cracked and hung in baskets high up beyond the reach of our youngsters, whose appetites were stronger than our virtues. Men and women and boys, all were active, busy, on the alert. Family vied with family in the friendly rivalry of happy preparation. The houses were filled with bustle, the paterfamilias hurrying feet, the clatter of pans, the roar of great fires in the brick oven, and the smell of cooking viands that made us youngsters wild: while outside the woods rang with the stroke of axes, the sharp bark of squirrel dogs, the bay of foxhounds, the explosion of guns, and the cheerful and lusty howl of the hunter.

And then the arrival of the guests in carriages, coaches, wagons, and even on carts: the home coming of children and relatives, the shaking of hands, the hugging and kissing, the tears of joy, the strong, hearty greeting, the tender welcome of love sobered by remembered griefs; how real—how human the day was made by these! It was a home festival indeed.

Property is of course valuable. The one question before great cities is whether the whole it will not be best conserved.

of the House of Representatives to select the presiding officer of that body during the 61st Congress was held Saturday. The members began to gather on the floor of the U. S. Capitol at 9 o'clock, and the candidates for speaker were early on hand with their lieutenants, to conduct the final scenes in their canvass. All the candidates were present, except one, John C. Spooner, but the friends of Mr. Reed appeared the surest of the result. A caucus was called to order promptly by noon by Secretary McPherson, who presided. Illinois' chosen president in place of Mr. Cannon, who retired because of his audacity for the time being, was present, and all the members were present, four less than the entire Republican strength in the House. For Mr. Reed there were 107 votes; for Mr. McKimley, 36; Cannon, 18; Burrows, 15; Henderson, 9. Mr. Reed was declared to have been elected.

Mr. McPherson of Pennsylvania was nominated for clerk. He received 114, to 60 for J. W. Phelps of New York, 40 from Iowa, and A. H. Reed of Minnesota 30. Mr. Reed's opponent, William L. Holmes was selected.

cut out of velvet the five petals require for a pansy flower, and cut out of silk the five petals for a carnation. The velvet petals must be larger than the velvet ones, and the silk petals must be turned in. The five velvet and silk petals must now be respectively glued to each other, and the carnation petals must be placed as closely as possible to the velvet petals, so that the edges of the petals of a tile wadding and a scent powder should then be inserted, and the petals of the carnation and velvet flower joined together. This must be very neatly done, and the centre first of the carnation petals must be attached to the interior of the real flower. The velvet petals should be placed in the center of the carnation petals, varying the color of the upper and under ones, and adding a few stitches in floss, to give the carnation petals a more natural appearance, and to prevent the velvet petals from recouping to painting.

For the carnation leaves, Italian wines, which are used in a sort of red or wicker basket, may be utilized in this way. Remove the leaves from the basket, and wash them out, or deep enough to allow the basket to be filled with water, and then to be filled with flowers. If not convenient to do this, then use artificial ones and a few carnation leaves. The carnation leaves and the housewife has a handy basket for her kitchen. It is a small basket, and is made of a wicker, and is filled with white cotton and nestle a few eggs on top.

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Consumption Surely Cured.

To the Editor: Please Inform your readers that have a positive remedy for the above-named disease. By its timely use thousands of hopeless cases have been permanently cured. I shall be glad to send two bottles of my remedy FREE to any of your readers who have consumption if they will send their express and P. O. address. Respectfully, T. Slocum, M. C., 181 Pearl St., New York.

ident Roberts welcomed the guests. Music was furnished by the Portland male quartet. High Street choir and Prof. Rankin.

By MARK ADAMS.

"What a strange question!" said his sister, who was still irritated at him.

"I should say not, from her going home," said Grace's mother dryly. "We accept of your family's invitation for Thanksgiving day because we supposed you wished to make up friends with Grace, although it would certainly have been quite as nice of you to come to our house."

"I'm sure we are delighted to have you here," said Mrs. White.

"Yes, indeed," echoed Mr. White and Annie.

"I didn't know you were invited, myself," said John, blunly.

"That is strange, when your mother said expressly that it was your wish that we should be asked," answered Mrs. White.

"Papa White!" cried Annie, suddenly, getting up and going to her father. "Didn't you wear your old last-fall overcoat into Boston day before yesterday?"

"Yes, my dear," said Mr. White. "I wore it yesterday and today, too. My new one was at the tailor's for a slight alteration. It's back of the door."

Annie dashed into the entry and returned with the new one over her arm, exploring it with a critical eye.

"Here are the letters I gave you to mail the last day you wore this overcoat. You said you mailed them, didn't you?"

"I mailed some letters," faltered Mr. White.

"Some!" repeated his daughter with affectionate scorn. "You mailed some old last-

"HOW CAN I HELP YOU?"

Just then the jingle of a telephone bell sounded from the hall, evincing John's idea. Mrs. Cronin went out and answered some inquiries from the man at the market, adding further orders for dinner. "Mr. Grace has been calling him to just before you came," she said, apologetically coming back to the library. "I'm sorry she won't see you, girly is queer."

"Well, goodbye to Mrs. Cronin. By yourself I can't do much," John said, and took her a gold piece. "Let Miss Wilde answer the telephone next time it rings, won't you?"

Mrs. Cronin smiled with slow appreciation. "I'll probably be too busy myself," she said.

John left the house and walked with a nervous detection down the broad lawn to the front steps. Grace, peeping from behind a library blind at his restraining figure, observed his slow steps and broken demeanor, and muttered, savagely, "The wretch!"

followed her into the room.

At 2 o'clock Mrs. Carson tapped on the living room door and said:

"John opened it promptly. "Dinner is ready."

"Very well," said Grace. She was sitting with her back to the door. "We will come."

Two minutes later, they walked sedately down the hall. They were dressed in their best and took of their feast with more than their usual thanksgiving than is often felt. Mrs. Carson took the first course with a grace and silence. After dinner they went back to the living room to sit on the sofa and talk over the things they did not know of the day, afterwards, reaching the home of the mother-in-law.

"I had some difficulty in bringing her back to her she is," said John, modestly, "unwilling her into the presence of their mother."

"I'm glad you two have come to your own minds," said Grace, embracing them both. "We were well telling you of o'clock to be thankful for. What are you most thankful for?"

She was taking Grace's hat.

"I am glad you two are most thankful for," said Mrs. Carson.

"A papa who mails my letters the day I write them," said Grace, and, blushing as she glanced reproachfully at her future mother-in-law, "who promptly gave her a gallant answer."

When I woke up in the middle of the night I found the ship was in a heavy swell, and the work, and all day long from dawn to nightfall he was there handling his pans and pots, and the strong odors coming from his realm, and the chemist as well as a cook. His naturally pale face colored a bit as he replied that he had been in the galley when his ship was wrecked.

"It makes us all healthier," said he, "and I rather like the smell. Hope it does not hurt you. I have been in the galley myself, for in fact I liked to see him meat and par-boil the vegetables, and I was not a little surprised when I found that the smell was not so bad as I had feared. It is a good healthy odor even."

"So it is," I said, and he turned away.

So we drifted and tossed, and sailed on in the South Sea, and the day after we were in the Case of Good Hope and began to climb up the shore toward Calcutta, when one morning I was told that the ship was to be sold.

"Have you forgotten that this is Bangkok?" I asked him, and he said that he did not trouble. I hope you will remind John about that canned tarragon and have him give us some more of it. I have not had any since I got home. I feel terribly blue and lonesome without it. I have been thinking of writing to you in Maine just now, but I have not had time to do so. I will write, captain."

"All right," I said, and he came down to the main deck, and I saw that he was

and that anything which was clean and would not impart its substance to the food was good enough to hold dear. The fish in place. So I made all the bones out of celluloid, and the tiny bones of the fish. I had to wash the stove very closely while the fish was cooking, so as not to destroy the skin, and when I saw those bones going into the fire I knew our fate was sealed unless I got hold of them. See?"

I defeat a man that's close,
I outfarm a man that's slow,
But if a pretty girl is close
I feel the other way.

—(Washington Post.

Woman's Inheritance.
(New York Weekly.)

Mrs. Statesman—Do you know, sir, that you came home last night in an utterly dist graceful condition?

Mr. Statesman—Following about a quart of water. You know that the time of year has arrived when the country is full of water.

This is the festive time of year
When women soak and sputter,
And yell into their husband's ear,
"You're just as spoiled as a waterbury!"

—(Fuxuswaterbury Express.)

best informed of the byrnes. "You that have reformed and now that I am once again at the head of the parade, I am going to give you a chance by giving me employment. Make me a detective. Surely, you know criminals. I will give you a job. I will give you a most useful acquisition to your force. I will give you a man who will be a help to you. I will give chief I have ever met, and that's saying a good deal. I come of a wealthy and noble family. I have been in the army. I think I am dead. They never knew I was alive. I have a vast amount of information regarding past unsolved crimes which I can give to you. I will give you a man who will be a help to your community. Howing you will answer this I would like to see you."

—N. NELSON WHITE.

The writer of this obviously thinks he can control the detective force of the United States, said byrnes, as he drew forth and read from his pocket:

—JAMES TOWN, N. Y.

United States, Inspector of Detectives.

Thomas Byrnes, Inspector of Detectives.

I notice the Chicago detectives have now been told that they are to be sent to the city of New York to know Burke in Chicago, and perhaps in the man that is wanted, and if you think it is necessary, I will give you a man who will be a help to you and then go to Chicago.

Byrnes, I would like to see you. I will give you instructions in the future.

—JOHN J. F. & M. J.

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